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Friday,

22nd January, 1937.
9th Makaram, 1112.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. T. S. Balarama Ayyar, K. T. Mathew, C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar, and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Lands cultivated and assessment.

226. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the acreage of lands in the State:—
  (a) under paddy cultivation;
  (b) under cocoanut garden;
  (c) under other dry cultivation;
(2) The assessment under (a), (b) and (c) supra;
(3) The probable rent under (a), (b) and (c)?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—

(1) 5,09,203·47 acres.
  (a) 2,07,498·81 ,,
  (b) 64,359 ,,

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(c) 2,37,345·66 ,,

(2) (a) Rs. 7,28,337—2—10

(b) and (c) Rs. 3,49,229—6—9

(3) Nil.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Are these lands lying fallow?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—They are under cultivation.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—How can the rent be nil?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—They pay no rent to the Government.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—What is the rent of the lands?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Rent to whom?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Rent from the lands. I mean pattom.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—They do not pay any pattom. I suppose you translate pattom as yield. Pattom is the proportion of yield payable to the landlord.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—What does the Government get from these lands?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—What the Government gets is Rs. 7,28,337-2-10 and Rs. 3,49,229-6-9.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—I want to know what is the rent—yield minus cost of cultivation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—I decline to accept the meaning of the word 'rent' as yield minus cost of cultivation.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Is it the opinion of Government that rent does not mean pattom?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—In the opinion of Government rent means pattom and pattom means the proportionate yield payable to the landlord.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—I want to know the proportionate yield payable to these landlords?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—Government have no information.

Land Revenue—Remission.

227. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—Adverting to paragraph 8 of the Report of the Economic Depression Relief Measures Enquiry Committee appointed by the Cochin Government in 1109 and particularly to the passages therein "The supplementary measures proposed by him were deduction of land revenue,..... We also agree that unless supplemented by other measures of a substantial character mere reduction of interest rates may not bring any appreciable relief to the Agriculturists", will the Government state how they were justified in suspending the occasional remission in land revenue as against the said plea for a permanent reduction of our land revenue?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—The Member is referred to the Diwan Peishkar's speech during the last budget session of the Council. (Pages 334 to 341 of the Council Proceedings, 4th series, Volume III, Part 3).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Will the Hon'ble Member for Revenue kindly inform the House why Government committees' recommendations alluded to in this answer for a permanent reduction in the rates of our land revenue assessment have not been accepted by Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—The question contains an assumption which is disputed by Government. The committee did not recommend a further reduction of the land revenue.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—What does this narrated portion mean, Sir — "The supplementary measures proposed by him were deduction of land revenue" and so on?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—They were referring to somebody else's opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Were they not endorsing it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—They did not.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—It is stated "We also agree that unless supplemented by other measures..... mere reduction of interest rates may not bring any appreciable relief

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